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For (Title): SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A FUEL CELLBy (Inventors): Yoshiharu AJIKI, Shuhei YAMADA, Hirotsuma MIURA and Mitsuru KURIBAYASHI

Formal drawings (Figs. 1-15; 10 sheets) are attached.  
 Use Figure \_\_\_\_\_ for front page of Publication.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.

This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)

This patent application is assigned to Seiko Epson Corporation.  
 The executed Assignment is filed herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.  
 Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

Priority of foreign application Nos. 2003-042663 filed February 20, 2003 in Japan, 2003-063357 filed March 10, 2003 in Japan and 2003-427068 filed December 24, 2003 in Japan are claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).  
 A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign applications is filed herewith.

This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

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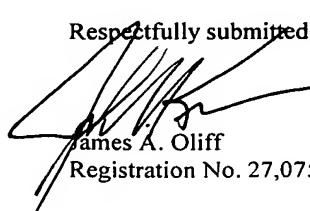
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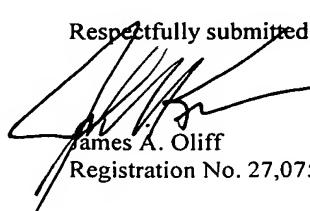
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